Water Meetings.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP ENDORSED IN A CITIZENS MEETING.

The Ten-Year Contract Again Defeated. Authorized to be made for One Year Only.

The report of the Citizens' Committee on Water and Light, recommending Town Ownership for Bloomfield, "and especially the notice contained in said report calling a citizen's meeting for last Monday evening at Central Hall, has resulted in a thorough ventilation of that part of the joint problem relating to the water supply was being generally distributed and read last week, the Township Committee must have been considerably. exercised over the situation. Instead of falling in line with the popular movement, they undertook to divide the peope into factions, using their authority_to call a separate water meeting. They met last Saturday afternoon, when a motion was made and adopted to call a citizens meeting on Tuesday evening, at which they would present a report on water under the instructions given at

citizens from attending the meeting on Monday night, but Central Hall was nearly full, and it was an audience representative of the intelligent home-owning and tax-paying citizens of the town. J. Banks Reford was made Chairman and William Biggart Secretary . The report was called for that this township should own, conand read by Edward S. Wilde The reading was attentively followed by all; and upon its conclusion a resolutions as the sense of the meeting and requesting the Township Committee not to make a contract with the

the citizens' meeting of Dec. 22, 1893.

Orange Water Company. On the next night a mixed audience assembled, completely filling the Hall, George W. Cook was chosen to preside and Town Clerk Johnson acted as Secretary. The first speaker was G. Lee Stout, who is Chairman of the Water Committee. He the Montclair or the East Jersey was uncertain. He would like to said that two propositions had been made to the Township Committee on the subject of water supply. Before stating them he rehearsed what had been done by the Committee during the year past, which amounted simply take immediate steps to secure the to a recommendation that a renewal necessary legislation to enable it to of the contract with the Orange Water Company be made for another ten years at the reduced price of \$30 a hydrant. This conclusion they reached a year or more ago, but the ship. citizens of the town were of r different opinion and referred the question to a special committee of thirty. This committee, he said, met at various times through the spring and summer, and at length the Township Committee had determined to call the citizen's meeting of December 22d, at which to recommend again that a contract be made as heretofore. Instead of authorizing them to make it, the citizens had instructed the Committee to confer with the Orange Water Company and with the East Jersey Water Company upon this subject, and report. He said the Committee found that it was impossible to see the President of the Water Orange Water Company was entitled culated in Washington, a distinctly Eng-Company, as he was away from home, and the President of the East Jersey Company had expressed himself as It was better to rent than to use prin- cabs are owned and run at a fine profit unwilling to interfere with the Orange cipal. If we should buy the plant of by a man of distinguished title. It Company in supplying water to the company we would find ourselves that to a Washington society woman has Bloomfield. Mr. Shepard had now at the mercy of the other company, occurred the idea of emulating such an returned, had been seen, and the who would not let us have water ex- illustrious example by operating a simi-Water Committee now had a proposi- cept upon their terms. We should time carriages in varying states of retion to make from the Montclair spend our money for sewers and hard pair or dilapidation and runs them as Water Company to supply water at roads all over the township instead of "night liners." This fact she has of \$80 per million gallons; and another buying a water plant. He spoke of friends, as she wisely grasps the fact from the Orange Water Company to the scheme of paying for a plant out that, while they one and all would be supply us at \$30 per hydrant, con. of back taxes as visionary. These nothing loath to benefit themselves by tract to be for ten years, similar to taxes, in his opinion, were of no use. be the first to turn and rend her for gothat in force with East Orange, Mr. Gilbert, replying said that ing into the business that now nets her

been opposed to the renewal of the contract, but with the proposed im-

an amendment that no contract be paper a dispatch from Trenton that made with the company unless the Senator Bradley had introduced a same be first submitted to the citi- bill to form a State Water Board, zens for their approval.

the meeting of December 22d, and of the Orange Water Company now claimed that the instructions there charging \$60 a hydrant, he said that given to the Township Committee if Bloomfield had a Committee to had not been complied with, as they look properly after her interests she had not ascertained the price for would not pay more than \$30, and which the Orange Water Company that no more than that could be colwould sell their Bloomfield plant. lected by the Company. He asked how it was the Committee

had not done this. Thirty had struggled with that part, hydrant. had made figures which he presumed Mr. Wilde made a good point by were approximately correct as to the saying that the profit made by ownfor our town. While the pamphlet value of the plant. He had tried to ing our own water plant would pay find out from President Shepard a considerable amount of the cost of but could not. They would not fix a building hard reads. price until there was some one ready Mr. Smith censured Mr. Gilbert as

> zens' Committee had waited in vain somebody observed that he could not these figures as instructed, and now the Committee. Mr. Smith said that when called together, it was not yet the cost of a plant, laying the pipes, of the American people and the marvel

some light on the subject by reading the sewer estimate This action must have kept some plant could be put down for \$68,980 twenty-six feet under ground, S. P. Gilbert bere offered a substi-

> Resolved: That it is the sense of sion of the contract with the Orange Water Company should be made.

Resolved: That it is expedient trol and operate its own system of

tion was unanimously passed adopt- from the Orange Water Company the ing the Committee's recommenda present plant of that Company, now Glen Ridge, the town of Bloomfield located in our public streets, in the could make more by obtaining water manner favored by Mr. F. M. Shep direct of the latter company at \$80 a ard, President of that Company, to million wit, at a price to be agreed upon between the township and said Com-

> Resolved: That upon acquiring the said plant the Township Committee Water Company for a public and private supply of water, at a cost not exceeding \$80 per million gallons.

RESOLVED : That in order to provide funds to carry out the foregoing obtained the floor to ask Mr. Gilbert proposed arrangement, the township if he knew positively what the Comutilize its present arrears of taxes and interest thereon, now aggregat- Mr. Shepard, the President of the ing at least \$100,000, or, in such Company, as late as five o'clock that other manner as may be considered afternoon, in which he said that as for the best interests of the town-

Mr. Gilbert in support of his resolutions said it was now three years since the Township Committee had first taken in consideration the water question. He spoke of the advantageous position held by Bloomfield for ten years, was taken and lost, 66 votobtaining a State water supply. When the State had acquired the water rights, to avail ourselves of the same, we must own our own pipes. He thought we should acquire a plant at once, as an economic measure, and showed how it could be paid for out of the proceeds from tax arrear-

J. D. Gallagher spoke in favor of renewing the contract, because the According to some statistics quietly cirto it. The times were unfavorable vails in unlooked for quarters. It is advantages that they have not may also for issuing bonds for a large amount. well known that in London the hansom

which Mr. Stout read. He said that tax arrears were very good capital to Washington. to satisfy Glen Ridge a separate high make use of, and observed that the so yice would be furnished, the com- gentleman who last spoke had not my obtaining water from the East paid some of his, but he would pay Jersey Company, and that to insure them, and the interest collected was bred? It is indeed an unanswerable adequate fire pressure, a heavier in many cases more than the tax it- query. For instance, it comes to us main, a 12 inch main, would be put self. The East Orange people were with the snock of an exaggeration that down to Belleville Avenue as soon as depending upon tax arrears to carry been allowed to dip into unexpurgated on some of their improvements and romance. Though the wife of one of the

Mr. Wilde characterized the speech | band's books, is utterly ignorant of the provement of the service for Glen of Mr. Gallagher as just such a Ridge he favored it, and offered a speech as he (Wilde) would make if American influences she has ventured motion that the meeting authorize he had been employed to plead for on ground hitherto forbidden and borthe Township Committee to enter into corporations. He quoted from Gov- rowed some of De Manpassant's works a new contract for ten years as pro-State ownership and control of the M. Bourget say?-Washington Post.

Edwin A. Rayner promptly offered water supply, and read from a newsthe reason for which was to protect E. S. Wilde read the resolution of the people in their rights. Speaking

Committeeman Stout offered to bet Mr. Wilde \$1000 that the Com-Mr. Stout said the Committee of pany could charge and collect \$60 a

a Committeeman for not seeing that Mr. G. W. Hopping said the Citi- the water contract was fulfilled, and for the Town Committee to furnish do much because he was outvoted in etc, would be double what had been Mr. Wilde undertook to throw estimated as had been the case in

from a sub committee report, which Mr. Gilbert said the laying of pipes Messrs. Stout and Gallagher signed, near the surface was a simple matter, wherein it was stated that a duplicate not at all like putting a sever down

H E. Richards went into a ramble tute to the pending motion, which ing talk in favor of the resolution to renew the contract. He got into per sonalities and was called to order by this meeting that no further exten- Mr. Rayner. He would not stop talking and some confusion ensued, with cries of "sit down," mingled with hisses, and he subsided

Henry Lawrence made the point that if the Orange Water Company Resolved: That in order to effect could make money by buying water this the township proceed to acquire of the East Jersey Company to supply

Late in the evening, when debate pany, or, in case a price cannot be in had been about exhausted, Judge this way arrived at, then and in that Dodd spoke in favor of making the case through the usual method of contract, and against the resolutions of Mr. Gilbert, especially that one in which it was said that the Orange is hereby instructed to make a con- Water Company were ready to sell tract for not more than one year with their pipes, etc. In his opinion this know exactly what they would agree

A vote being called for, Mr. Wilde pany would do. Mr. Gilbert said that he had had a conversation with the company would sell the pipes to

The vote upon the adoption of the resolutions of Mr. Gilbert, as a substitute for the motion to allow the Committee to renew the contract for ing in favor of them and 118 against.

Mr. Rayner moved to amend the ariginal motion by striking out the word "ten" ond inserting "one."

This amendment was carried, 145

That one-half of the world does not know how the other half lives is as true of polite circles as of the social nobodies.

The Foreign Bred Woman. When shall the American young girl fully understand the young girl foreign Edwin A. Smith said that he had they were pretty good financiers over most famous novelists of the day, Mme. Bourget had never been allowed to look tainted literature of France and has read only as une jeune fille. Under

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The town which is built on a great waterway or has other extraordinary transportation facilities, or those situated contiguous to coalfields, iron regions, lead mines or in districts rich in other natural resources, have a great advantage over those which are not so fortunate in this respect. But experience teaches us that a possession of natural advantages is not judispensable and an unfavorable location does not prevent a city from attaining greatness and success if the citizens who inhabit it are made of the right kind of stuff.

Chicago, the wonderful city which has made such strides in the past few years, is located on a tract of land which was at one time a swamp. A more forbidding spot for the site of a city could hardly be imagined. But the indomitable spirit of its early settlers, which still characterizes the citizens of that metropolis, overcame all obstacles and built a city that is at once the pride of the world. Kansas City, the name of which is a synonym for western grit and enterprise, outdoes Rome for a rugged location. Rome was built on seven hills. but Kansas City boasts of being located on 70. The stranger who saw Kansas City in its early days and who visits it now can see an example of what energy and determination will do when put in practice. Bluffs have been blasted away, hills graded down, valleys filled up, and the Gate City has not only become beautiful, but is now the commercial

center of the great west. We have in our mind's eye a fine city in one of the western states which was laid out about 15 years ago on the raw prairie. This village had not one natural advantage to recommend it. It was many miles from navigation, and not even a streamlet sufficient to furnish water for domestic purposes flowed within several miles of it. It was remote from timber or coal, and if one had prophesied in its early days that a city would be built on that spot he would have been ridiculed. But what the embryo city lacked in natural resources was more than balanced by the pluck and persistence of the citizens who first took up their residence within its borders. "Hustle" has been their watchword from the day they secured a cross

railroad up to the present time. Four mammoth canning factories send their pack all over the United States and foreign countries, and the product of their overall and shirt factories are worn from Maine to California, and their foundries, machine shops and cigar factories furnish employment for hundreds of men and women, while a flourishing college is annually attended by a large number of young men and women, who contribute in no small measure to the volume of the city's trade. The farms for miles around present the appearance of vast market gardens, and their tillers reap a rich harvest, furnishing vegetables for the canneries and produce for consumption by the operatives in the 326 Glenwood Ave.,

various industries. The city continues to grow and bids fair to become one of the most important manufacturing centers in the west. All this has been attained solely by the exercise of energy and enterprise of the citizens, directed and encouraged by three or four leading spirits. A paid secretary keeps himself informed of the movements in the commercial and industrial world, and no sooner does a manufacturing enterprise, state or charitable institution intimate that it contemplates a change of location, or there is an nquiry for a suitable place for the establishment of a new industry, than a committee of business men from this city at once besieges the management with data and evidence to convince them that no place on the footstool can offer such inducements as the city they represent.

The promoters of the city we have referred to have no monopoly on enterprise, and their methods are not copyrighted They have no exclusive privilege to make a desert bloom like a rose or build cities where but a few years ago tall weeds nodded in the wind and the gopher dug his hole unscared. That which they have accomplished under disadvantageous surroundings we who have so many natural accomplish. It is only a matter of making the attempt and persevering in it. Industries that will employ labor will enhance the value of our property, make business for our merchants and furnish a home market for the products of our farms. All classes of people will profit by it. Energy and enterprise, backed by brains and common sense, will accomplish all this, and more.

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